

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Zitting et al.

**Serial No.:** 10/757,774

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**For:** SLEEVE ELEMENT HAVING A  
BIASABLE END REGION, APPARATUS  
INCLUDING SAME, AND METHOD OF  
USE

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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a)**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 3 of this paper;

**Amendments to the Abstract** appear on page 13 of this paper;

**Amendments to the claims** are set forth in the listing of the claims that begins on page 14 of this paper;

**Corrections to the drawings** are summarized on page 30 of this paper, with replacement sheets and annotated sheets showing the corrections enclosed herewith; and

**Remarks** start at page 31 of this paper.